

July 13, 2006

Ms. Judith F. Judson, Chairman  
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
Cable Television Division  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: CTV 06-1**

VIA REGULAR MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Chairman Judson:

Please accept this letter as my testimony in opposition of Docket Number CTV 06-1: Verizon's petition with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE), whereby Verizon seeks to make regulatory changes regarding cable television licensing procedures. I am concerned with the proposed changes of CTV 06-1 because they would allow competitive providers of cable television services to appeal the licensing of a single competitor and provide competitive service in a community. I understand and agree that when industries compete, customers usually benefit from higher quality goods and services that are the products of progressive thinking and reflective pricing. However, I am a strong supporter of public, educational, and governmental community television (PEG- TV) programming. In my district, our PEG- TV Channels keep citizens informed of school closings, shelter and safety information during emergencies and disasters, coverage of municipal meetings and updates of state government activities. They also provide coverage of cultural, patriotic, athletic, and social events in the community for the elderly and others who are unable to attend these events.

For these reasons, I believe it is important to maintain the local video franchise agreements between municipalities and video providers in order to ensure quality service and local discretion in public programming. I do not want to see the large telecommunication conglomerates infringe upon another provider's contract in an individual community. Thank you for your consideration of my remarks with this important matter.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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*State Representative*  
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